


**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: January 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Practice of Polysomnography Amendment Act of 2009"

REFERENCE: Bill 18-33, As Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985¹ to:

- Define the practice of polysomnography;²
- Establish an Advisory Committee on Polysomnography and enumerate its responsibilities and requirements; and
- Require the Board of Medicine to provide recommendations to the Mayor for rule-making development regarding the practice of polysomnography, in accordance with guidelines approved by the Advisory Committee on Polysomnography.

¹ Effective March 25, 1986. D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*

² The proposed legislation defines the practice of polysomnography as: "...the process of analyzing, monitoring, and recording physiological data during sleep and wakefulness...to assist in the assessment and diagnosis of sleep-wake disorders and other disorders, syndromes, and dysfunctions that are sleep related..."

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Department of Health could absorb the implementation of the provisions of the proposed legislation with existing resources.